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In re Applicant:

**Ipsen International GmbH**

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For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HEAT  
TREATING, IN PARTICULAR,  
METALLIC WORKPIECES**

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**NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Attorneys' Docket No. **016273-00900**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: